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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MASS, MU
SUBJECT: OMANI PURCHASE OF NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT

1. REQUEST EMBASSY BE ADVISED STATUS OF RECENT APPLICATION FOR LICENSING OF EXPORT TO OMAN OF "STAR-TRON" NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY SMITH AND WESSON COMPANY. WE BELIEVE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED WITHIN PAST TWO MONTHS BY INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., 7290 S.W. 42ND STREET, P.O. BOX 7566, LUDLAM BRANCH, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33155 (PHONE: 264-9321). WE DO NOT KNOW MONETARY VALUE OR SIZE OF ORDER.

2. EXISTENCE OF THIS TRANSACTION WAS BROUGHT TO EMBASSY ATTENTION BY OMAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP COMPANY (OIGC), A LOCAL FIRM WHICH APPARENTLY HAS SOME ASSOCIATIONS WITH LONHRO OF U.K. A LOCALLY RESIDENT BRITISH EMPLOYEE OF LONHRO SECONDED TO OIGC HAS ASKED IF EMBASSY MIGHT EXPEDITE STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION OF THIS APPLICATION. HE STATES THE EQUIPMENT IS FOR USE BY OMAN RESEARCH DEPARTMENT (ORD), WHICH IS OMANGOV'S OFFICIAL MILITARY AND CIVIL INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT. HE STATES EQUIPMENT IS FOR SECURITY USE INSIDE OMAN, MAINLY IF NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN DHOFAR, BY THE ORD. HE PRESENTED CORRESPONDENCE FROM INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS STATEMENTS. FROM THIS CORRESPONDENCE IT APPEARS THAT AS OF LAST WEEK THE MIAMI FIRM WAS CONCERNED STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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TIME CONSUMING.

3. EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM FROM INDEPENDENT CONTACT WITH ORD THAT IT HAS PLACED SUCH AN ORDER FROM THE U.S. AND WISHES DELIVERY SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. IS ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM EMBASSY OR FROM

OMANGOV OR ITS AGENCIES BEFORE DECISION CAN BE MADE ON THIS
ORDER? WHAT ARE PROSPECTS OF EARLY FAVORABLE DECISION?
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